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Note verbale dated 21 June 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Representative of Finland presents her compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001) and, referring to his note dated 7 June 2001, has the honour to communicate the following information concerning the implementation of the United Nations sanctions against Liberia as established by Security Council resolution 1343 (2001).

The Council of the European Union adopted on 7 May 2001 Common Position 2001/357/CFSP obliging, inter alia, the Member States to take the necessary measures to prevent the entry into, or transit through, their territories of senior members of the Government of Liberia and its armed forces, as designated by the Security Council Committee. The Common Position, which is enclosed for your information,* is applied by Finland.

Following the adoption of the above-mentioned Common Position, the Council of the European Union adopted on 11 June 2001 regulation No. 1146/2001 concerning certain restrictive measures in respect of Liberia, prohibiting the provision of certain services and goods to Liberia as well as the import of rough diamonds into the Community, in accordance with resolution 1343 (2001). The said regulation, which is enclosed for your information,* has been in force as from 13 June 2001.

Sanctions and forfeitures to be imposed for violations of the provisions of the Council regulation are provided in chapter 46, sections 1 to 3 and 8 to 13, respectively, of the Finnish Penal Code.

* Copies of the Common Position and the regulation are on file in the Secretariat, room S-3055.

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Note verbale dated 26 June 2001 from the Permanent Mission of Singapore to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Singapore to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001) concerning Liberia. With reference to the Chairman's note verbale of 7 June 2001, the Permanent Mission of Singapore has the honour to inform him that the resolution has been brought to the attention of the relevant and competent authorities in Singapore for their implementation.

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Letter dated 27 June 2001 from the Permanent Representative of the Gambia to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 7 June 2001, and other attachments addressed to me, for the attention of my Government.

In response to your request contained in your letter mentioned above, I am enclosing a letter addressed to you by Momodou Lamin Sedat Jobe, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Gambia.

I should therefore be most grateful if you could please circulate the letter as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Baboucarr-Blaise Ismaila **Jagne**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Annex to the letter dated 27 June 2001 from the Permanent Representative of the Gambia to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

I refer to your communications of 7 June 2001, conveying the content of resolution 1343 (2001), and 4 June 2001, addressed to the Permanent Representative of the Gambia.

Following the release of the report of the Security Council Panel of Experts on Sierra Leone Diamonds and Arms, the Government of the Gambia, through its Permanent Representative in New York, addressed a letter on 23 January 2001 to you, inviting the Panel of Experts to visit the Gambia before the Security Council considered the report.

I am therefore surprised that, despite the fact that no reaction to my Government's request was forthcoming from you and without any pre-information or request for clarification from the Gambia, when the subject of sanctions on Liberia was being discussed, a Gambian national, Baba Jobe, has been included in the list of Liberian nationals affected by the Security Council travel ban. I am even more amazed by the fact that the mention of Mr. Jobe's name on the list was accompanied neither by an indication of his passport number nor his date of birth, as is the case with the other persons affected by the sanction.

Following informal enquiries with the sanctions Committee, my Representative at the United Nations was informed that the inclusion of Mr. Jobe's name on the list was a result of a request from the French, British and United States Governments. Consequently a formal request was sent to you, demanding the details surrounding such a serious allegation which the Government of the Gambia definitely cannot treat lightly, if it is corroborated with evidence.

Having waited for almost four weeks for your response, we have taken it upon ourselves to inform the Gambian public that we believe that the decision to include a Gambian on the list was a well-calculated move and is prejudicial to my country, which despite its size has been playing a major role in the quest for peace and stability in the West African subregion beyond. Furthermore, my Department of State has decided to inform the international community about the very undemocratic, illegal and non-transparent manner in which the Security Council handled this matter.

The Government of the Gambia is aggrieved by the fact that a decision of such magnitude has been taken without any research and consultations with the country affected. It must be noted that situations like this one will, sooner rather than later, undermine the moral authority of the sanctions Committee. When I consulted with the British, French and American Missions in the Gambia, they did not seem to know about the origin of the inclusion of the Gambian national. This can hardly be an illustration of the high standard of justice and equity that is expected of the Committee in passing judgement on Member States and their citizens.

It is my belief that the inclusion of the Gambian national in the list is an error which is of great prejudice to the individual and the prestige of the Gambia as a country.

Let me draw your attention to the fact that the Gambia, as a signatory to the ECOWAS Moratorium on the Importation, Exportation and Manufacture of Small

Arms and Light Weapons in West Africa, signed in 1998, is the only State that has not so far requested a waiver of the Moratorium in order to import or export arms. The Gambian President, Alhaji Yahya A. J. J. Jammeh, has even gone beyond that and informed Member States parties to the agreement very clearly that, if they continue to request waivers, there would be no raison d'être for the Moratorium.

Against this background, therefore, describing a Gambian official as an arms trafficker is not only a very serious matter but a case that has to be followed up, so that the Gambian public can have all the details necessary for a better understanding of the matter. It is our belief that this accusation is unfounded, because if it were true the matter would have been treated more professionally and we would have received a detailed communication from the Committee prior to the publication of the list. If the foregoing is confirmed the sanctions Committee must convince the whole world that it is fair and respectable and has the courage of recognizing its mistakes when they do occur, especially when they tarnish the international reputation of a State Member of the United Nations which gave invaluable service to the Security Council during the two years that it served as one of its non-permanent members.

While awaiting your reactions, I beg you to accept the assurances of my highest consideration and the sincere will of the Government and people of the Gambia to assist the Security Council in its endeavour to create a world of peace, justice and equity.

Momodou Lamin Sedat **Jobe**
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs

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Letter dated 27 June 2001 from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

With reference to your note verbale SCA/1/01 (10) dated 7 June 2001, we would like to confirm that the Russian Federation has taken all steps necessary to implement the measures imposed by paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 of Security Council resolution 1343 (2001).

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Letter dated 26 June 2001 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the United Nations addressed to the Acting Chairman of the Committee

Pursuant to paragraph 18 of Security Council resolution 1343 (2001), I would like to inform the Committee of the steps taken by Her Majesty's Government to implement paragraphs 5 to 7 of the resolution.

The Liberia (United Nations Sanctions) Order 2001 (SI 2001/947) came into force on 16 March 2001. The Order, made under the United Nations Act 1946, imposes restrictions pursuant to the resolution by prohibiting the delivery or supply to Liberia of arms and related materiel and the provision of related technical assistance and training. Similar Orders Impose like restrictions in relation to the Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies.

The diamond embargo imposed under paragraph 6 of Security Council resolution 1343 (2001) was implemented in the United Kingdom by means of an amendment to the United Kingdom Open General Import Licence. Restrictions were imposed on imports into the Crown Dependencies by similar amendments to their export licensing regimes. The embargo was imposed in the Overseas Territories by the Liberia (United Nations Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) (No. 2) Order 2001 (SI 2001/1867), which entered into force on 15 May 2001.

The travel ban imposed under paragraph 7 of resolution 1343 (2001) has been implemented by administrative means and will be implemented in due course by an amending Order under the United Kingdom Immigration Act 1971. The travel ban has been implemented in the Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies by administrative means.

You will wish to be aware of the decision by EU member States to implement the measures imposed by resolution 1343 (2001) at Community level. Common Position 2001/357/CFSP covering the measures in resolution 1343 (2001) came into effect on 7 May 2001. Council Regulation (EC) No. 1146/2001 implementing those measures that fall within Community competence came into effect on 11 June.

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Note verbale dated 25 June 2001 from the Permanent Mission of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Bulgaria presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001) concerning Liberia and in accordance with paragraph 7 of the above-mentioned resolution containing a decision that all States shall take the necessary measures to prevent the entry into or transit through their territories of senior members of the Government of Liberia and its armed forces and their spouses and any other individuals providing financial and military support to armed rebel groups neighbouring Liberia, has the honour to advise of the following actions undertaken by the Bulgarian Government to implement those measures.

Shortly following its promulgation, the list (SC/7068 of 4 June 2001) of individuals affected by the measures contained in paragraph 7 has been duly transmitted to the National Security Service of the Republic of Bulgaria for its strict and thorough implementation.

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Letter dated 1 July 2001 from the Acting Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

With reference to your note dated 7 June 2001, I have the honour to inform you that on 21 June 2001 the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine adopted Decree No. 682 on the implementation of the United Nations Security Council resolution concerning Liberia, which introduced the provisions of the Security Council resolution 1343 (2001) into the Ukrainian law. According to the Decree, relevant ministries and agencies of the Government of Ukraine are required to take all necessary steps to ensure strict compliance with the measures imposed by paragraphs 5 to 7 of the Security Council resolution 1343 (2001).

(*Signed*) Valeriy **Kuchinsky**
Ambassador
Acting Permanent Representative

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Note verbale dated 2 July 2001 from the Permanent Mission of the Slovak Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of the Slovak Republic to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001) concerning Liberia and, with reference to the resolution, has the honour to communicate the following:

The provisions of the resolution 1343 (2001) have been brought to the attention of the relevant authorities and institutions of the Slovak Republic, including the customs authorities. The Government of the Slovak Republic has taken all appropriate measures to comply with the provisions set out in the above-mentioned resolution.

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Note verbale dated 3 July 2001 from the Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001) concerning Liberia, and with reference to the letter dated 7 June 2001, has the honour to inform the Committee that the Government of Ecuador has instructed the competent national authorities to comply strictly with the content of the Security Council resolution in question especially paragraphs 5, 6 and 7.

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Note verbale dated 3 July 2001 from the Permanent Mission of New Zealand to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of New Zealand to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001) concerning Liberia and has the honour to inform the Chairman that New Zealand has taken the necessary steps to implement the measures imposed by Security Council resolution 1343 (2001) by promulgating the United Nations sanctions (Liberia) regulations of 2001.

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Note verbale dated 9 July 2001 from the Permanent Mission of the Principality of Monaco to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of the Principality of Monaco to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001) concerning Liberia and has the honour to inform the Committee that the Government of the Principality has taken all necessary steps, including informing the departments concerned, to implement the provisions of paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 of the aforementioned resolution.

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Note verbale dated 3 July 2001 from the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001) concerning Liberia and, in reply to his note of 7 June 2001, has the honour to inform him of the steps taken by France to implement the measures imposed under paragraphs 5 to 7 of resolution 1343, as follows:

1. With regard to the embargo on exports of arms and related materiel and the provision of technical training related to the provision, manufacture, maintenance or use of such equipment, Council Regulation (EC) No. 1146/2001 of the Council of the European Union, adopted on 11 June 2001 (OJEU L156/1 of 13 June 2001) is directly applicable in France. Moreover, France has a very strict authorization and control system for its arms exports, which are prepared through ongoing interministerial consultation and authorized at the level of the Prime Minister.

2. With regard to the embargo on imports of rough diamonds from Liberia, Council Regulation (EU) No. 1146/2001, referred to above, which also concerns the implementation of the embargo on diamonds, is directly applicable in France. Information from importers must be provided in a notice from the Ministry of the Economy, Finance and Industry (Directorate-General of Customs and Indirect Taxes) and published shortly thereafter in the Official Journal.

3. As to the prohibitions on the entry into or transit through French territory of the persons identified by the Committee pursuant to paragraph 7 of resolution 1343 (2001), the necessary steps were taken to ensure their implementation:

The sanctions committee's list was transmitted to all French consular posts with instructions to deny any visas to such persons. Moreover, the names of the persons inscribed on the list were entered in a special database at the disposal of the French consular network. With regard to Liberian nationals holding diplomatic or service passports, the procedure is slightly different; any visa request submitted by holders of Liberian diplomatic or service passports is subject to consultation with

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the central administration of both the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in France and the Ministry of the Interior.

In general, in order to ensure that these travel bans are implemented as effectively as possible, the Permanent Mission of France would like to stress the importance of having as complete a list as possible, containing, in particular, the birth dates of the persons concerned. Birth dates are, in fact, essential to the functioning of the search mechanism of the special database for the issuance of visas. The name of the person concerned cannot appear during a search of the database if the date of birth is not mentioned.

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Note verbale dated 9 July 2001 from the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001) concerning Liberia and, in reply to his note dated 7 June 2001, has the honour to inform him that the Lebanese authorities have taken note of resolution 1343 (2001) and have communicated it to the parties concerned. The Mission asks the Chairman to let it know whether the Committee heard and placed on record the positions maintained by the persons whose names appear on the sanctions list and whether it had irrefutable attestations on the basis of which it placed those names on the list and, accordingly, to inform the Mission of the outcome of the inquiries that were conducted.

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Note verbale dated 20 June 2001 from the Permanent Mission of Belize to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of Belize to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001) concerning Liberia and with reference to his note dated 7 June 2001 regarding Security Council resolution 1343 (2001) adopted by the Security Council on 7 March 2001, has the honour to inform the Chairman that the provisions of Security Council resolution 1343 (2001), in particular paragraphs 5, 6 and 7, as well as the list of persons affected by the measures contained in paragraph 7 of Security Council resolution 1343 (2001), have been brought to the attention of the relevant authorities of the Government of Belize.

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Note verbale dated 11 July 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001) concerning Liberia, and with reference to the Chairman's note dated 7 June 2001, has the honour to inform him that the Government of Turkey has taken necessary steps to implement the measures imposed by paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 of Security Council resolution 1343 (2001).

The Permanent Representative of Turkey would also like to inform the Chairman that, to this end, the competent authorities in Turkey have decided, in accordance with the relevant article of the Turkish Passport Law, to prevent the entry into Turkey of the individuals designated by the Committee as subject to measures imposed by paragraph 7 of the said resolution.

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